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As set forth in the Office Action mailed September 28, 2004, the Examiner asserts that claims 1-14 (Group I) and claims 15-22 (Group II) are drawn to patentably distinct subject matter. The Examiner therefore requires Applicant to select for examination the claims of Group I or the claims of Group II.

In response, Applicant provisionally elects, without traverse, to prosecute for examination purposes, the invention identified in Group I, claims 1-14. The restriction requirement is respectfully traversed.

CONCLUSION

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